REMARKS

Claims 50-80 were examined.

Claims 52-56, 58, 72, and 73 were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 57 was also indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 57, 69, and 80 were rejected as indefinite under section 112, $2^{\rm nd}$ paragraph.

The subject matter of allowable claim $52\ \text{has}$ been incorporated into claim $50\ \text{.}$

Claims dependencies have been amended and cancelled.

Claims 57 and 69 have been amended to remedy the stated basis of rejection under section 112.

Claims have been cancelled.

New claim 81 is a combination of prior claim 50, allowable claim 72 and intermediate claims 70-71.

New claim 82 corresponds to prior claim 73.

These amendments are made without prejudice.

Since claim 50 includes allowable claim 52 and claim 81 includes allowable claim 72, and all other claims depend from either claim 52 or claim 81, all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowance of all the claims is solicited.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive and to put the case in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment and an early and favorable action on the merits are earnestly requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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